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Inquiry: Is it within the scope of practice for an individual who is a Polysomnographic Technician or a Polysomnographic Technologist to perform diagnostic procedures using a CPAP or BiPAP machine in a sleep lab environment presuming he is not a licensed person?

Response: The set-up and instruction to patients using any CPAP or BiPAP devices specified in your letter constitutes the practice of respiratory care. Therefore, only personnel who are appropriately licensed to provide these services may implement these procedures.

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